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Must Occupy Galleries.

On the Senate side there were many visitors. In both houses arrangements were made to have visitors, save State officers, members, etc., occupy seats in the gallery.

No bills were offered in either branch. The House adjourned to meet at noon today, and the Senate at the same hour, to-morrow. The Senate session was brief, and devoid of public interest. The speeches were all short and the organization was largely formal.

Visitors flocked in much larger numbers to the House wing, where there was a good deal of entertaining activity. Mr. Pettit, of Fluvanna, made a brilliant effort, naming Captain Cardwell for Speaker, and the new presiding officer on taking the gavel, spoke with feeling and eloquence.

Colonel Newhouse got in a few lines of humor in accepting the position of first doorkeeper, and there were other speeches of interest to the members and visitors.

The Legislature will hardly get down to real work before the first of the coming week, by which time the committees will have been named.

THE SENATE.

Workmen Scamper before the Grave Lawmakers.

A mad scamper of workmen preceded the session of the Senate. An hour before noon the august chamber was still littered with scraps of lumber and bits of carpet, while a half-dozen men were strewn about the floor hammering away for dear life. It was a close call: A senator appeared and then several others. The men on the floor gasped and redoubled the energy of their hammer strokes. The minutes slipped by rapidly, each bringing more senators. The workmen finally arose from their task, grabbed the lumber, wooden-horses, and tools and disappeared. The trash was swept up by janitors and fifty chairs were wheeled into the room and arranged in a semi-circle around the rostrum. There were no desks, but the senators managed the day with tolerable comfort.

Upon the stroke of noon the gavel of the President pro tempore, Senator Wickham of Albemarle, fell, the noise ceased and the Senate of Virginia came to order. A large group of spectators, including a number of women were required to leave the floor and find seats in the gallery. The facilities in the chamber were poor, but fortunately there was little to be done beyond the routine. One newspaper man managed to find a chair at one side of the clerk's desk. Two others stood up and wrote in the window ledges.

The opening prayer was made by the Rev. Dr. F. T. McFadden, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, immediately after which an official communication from the Secretary of the Commonwealth was read, containing a list of the senators chosen in the November election, together with an announcement of the death of Senator Noblin, of Halifax, and the Executive's order for a special election on January 30th to fill the vacancy. Thirty-seven members responded to the roll-call, the absentees being Senators Charles J. Anderson, of Richmond, who is ill; John P. Greary, of Grayson, who is not yet in the city; and Camm Patterson of Buckingham. Senator Patterson came in before the session ended. In groups of four the new senators took the oath of office, administered by Clerk Button. The rules of the last Senate were adopted.

Mr. Wickham Chosen.

With these preliminaries disposed of, the Senate proceeded at once to elect a permanent organization. Senator Echols took the chair and Senator Mann, of Norfolk, chairman of the Democratic caucus, placed in nomination for the office of president pro tempore the senator from Hanover. The election of Senator Wickham was the occasion for quite a little love feast, to which both parties contributed.

Sensor Noel, the Republican floor leader, arose immediately after Senator Kewell seconded the nomination, and declared that the majority reposed such confidence in the Democratic choice for the presidency that it would make no opposition. The unanimous vote of the members present was then cast for Senator Wickham, who was escorted to the rostrum by Senator Mann and Senator Noel.

"I am profoundly gratified for the renewed confidence you have reposed in me," said the president pro tempore, resuming the chair. "I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

A sharp rap of the gavel brought the Senate to a consideration of the other matters before it, and for some little time after that the tedious calling of the rolls, as the various officers were unanimously elected, engaged the attention of the body. The minority made no opposition whatsoever. Colonel Joseph Button was made clerk of the Senate; Frank Watkins, sergeant-at-arms, and S. M. Donald, doorkeeper. The pacer, Robert Vaughan, Jesse Shultz, John L. Hurt and H. M. Seay, were named in a resolution offered by Senator Harmon, of Richmond.

Informes the House.

The House of Delegates was officially informed that the Senate was organized and ready to proceed to business. A resolution, offered by Judge Mann, was adopted, providing for a committee of eight, five from the House and three from the Senate, to notify the Governor of Virginia that the General Assembly had convened, and to receive any communication he might desire to make.

The senators were then "at ease" for a half hour, awaiting the organization of the House, which was finally reported with a resolution naming a committee of twelve, instead of eight, to wait upon the Governor. The Senate promptly concurred in this resolution, and Senator Kewell set out to inform the House. In the corridor he met the messenger from the other side, who announced that the House had just concurred in the Senate resolution, and the Senate reconsidered its concurrence and laid the House resolution on the table. The chair appointed Senators Mann, Sims and Lincoln to act for the Senate on the joint committee.

The three members retired, Senator Mann returning shortly with the announcement that the Executive would communicate to the Senate the report of the joint committee.

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A resolution from the House of Delegates, proposing a joint session and fixing the hour and rules for the meeting, was adopted, and about 1:45 P. M. the Senate rose and proceeded to the hall of the House, where it heard the message of Governor Montague. Returning to its chamber after the reading of the message, the Senate, without transacting further business, adjourned until noon on Friday.

THE HOUSE.

Every Member in Seat—Probably Unprecedented at Opening.

Promptly at 12 o'clock noon Clerk John W. Williams called to order and introduced Rev. Dr. Russell Cecil, of the Second Presbyterian Church, who offered the opening prayer.

The roll call developed the presence of an even hundred members, and the clerk read the communication from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, showing who had been legally elected. He then administered the oath of office to the members.



HON. HENRY T. WICKHAM.

The Senate yesterday elected Mr. Wickham president, pro tempore, of that body.

bers, and later they signed the oaths. Nominations being in order for Speaker, Hon. Pembroke Pettit, of Fluvanna, placed before the body the name of Hon. W. D. Cardwell, of Hanover, the Democratic caucus nominee. Mr. Pettit's speech was in fine taste, and provoked frequent outbursts of applause.

"The contest just ended," he said, demonstrates that we are rich in splendid material out of which to fashion a Speaker. It is no discredit to Robert E. Lee that his worthy and distinguished grandson failed of the honor here. Young in years, entrenched in the affections of a people who will ever honor the name of Lee, at no distant period I predict their loyal devotion, whether he will or not, will require him to respond to their demands and to go up higher on the ladder of fame.

"Nor does this body forfeit its claim to piety or subject itself to the graver charge of infidelity that the deservedly pious and popular high Churchman from the good old county of Augusta, failed to reach his aspiration. His aggressive character is composed of winning material, and he, too, is simply the temporary victim of the fate of war. The difficulty we all recognize has been the necessity for selection where all measure up so homely to the requirements of the position."

"A choice, however, has to be made, and that the mantle has fallen on the willing shoulders of the brilliant young statesman from Hanover is but convincing proof that this House believes he will guard well the sacred, woolly, mazy questions of order soon to be recklessly hurled at his devoted head."

"I take great pleasure in naming for Speaker of this House the Hon. W. D. Cardwell, of the county of Hanover."

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They all returned their thanks briefly, Colonel Newhouse saying:

"I thank you for electing a Newhouse doorkeeper of the new House of Delegates. If I could I would pay you \$10 instead of \$1 per day, but I'll see that you get the \$1, if it be at the mouth of a Gatling gun."

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The reading of messages to legislative bodies by executives is by no means new, either in this or other countries. In several of the American States it obtains to-day, and the records of the House of Burgesses show that all the colonial governors in Virginia followed this course.

The custom prevailed in the United States Congress until Mr. Jefferson abrogated it, not because of any opposition, per se, but by reason of the fact that during his administration he suffered from a throat trouble, which made it difficult for him to speak in public.

In Canada, Australia, Germany and many other countries, enlightened countries, the executives read their messages to the legislative bodies. A large proportion of members interviewed favor the reading of messages by the governors.

How It Was Received. Here are some of the expressions heard last night among legislators and public men concerning the Governor's message: Senator Camm Patterson: "I regard it as the ablest State paper I ever heard or read."

Sensor A. F. Thomas: "A very able State paper indeed, progressive in its tone and quite timely."

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